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MRS. OWEN WISTER

EDITOR

MISS FRANCES A. WISTER

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE CIVIC CIVIC BULLETIN.

In accordance with the action of the Board of Directors, taken at its meeting on Monday November 28, the Civic Club Bulletin, founded by Mrs. Owen Wister in 1907, will be discontinued at least temporarily. In its stead a Calendar of Club Events will be issued once a month and, when it seems to be necessary, a reminder of the specially important features will be mailed as their dates approach.

The Calendar will be mailed to members on the last day of each month. It is therefore of the utmost importance that those who are arranging the various meetings should send notices and dates to the office before the twentieth of the month.

DECEMBER CALENDAR.

December 7, Wednesday:

3:30 P. M.: Motion Picture Committee.

December 12, Monday:

11 A. M.: Government.

December 13, Tuesday:

11 A. M.: Social Welfare.

11 A. M.: Office of Fairmount Park Commission, City Hall.

3:30 P. M.: Industrial Relations, City Club. This Committee will participate in a joint meeting. Speaker: Miss Mary McDowell, of Chicago.

December 19, Monday:

10:30 A. M.: Ward Affairs.

December 21, Wednesday:

11:30 A. M.: Membership.

Board of Directors: The December meeting will, on account of the Christmas holiday, be brought forward. Notice later.

Education: Regular December Meeting omitted since it united with another Committee in the meeting of December first.

JANUARY CALENDAR (Partial).

January 4, Wednesday:

3 P. M.: Motion Picture Committee.

January 5, Thursday:

11 A. M.: League of Good Citizenship.

January 6, Friday:

11 A. M.: Industrial Relations.

January 9, Monday:

11 A. M.: Juniors.

FAREWELL TO THE BULLETIN.

To those who have been helped by, to those who have enjoyed the reading of the Civic Club Bulletin, the announcement that its publication will be suspended for a while will be a source of regret and disappointment.

To those who have not had time nor inclination to read it, this announcement will be a matter of indifference, save perhaps that there has lurked in the minds of all of our members a feeling of pride in the maintenance of what has been admittedly the best monthly publication that has been produced by a woman's club.

Few realize the continuous and difficult work involved in filling the office of editor of our little Bulletin. Miss Wister has been most efficient and self-sacrificing but she has asked now to be relieved from this responsibility. Her request was received by the Board of Directors at its last meeting and to it we gave very regretful assent.

In the name of the Club I assure our editor that her able work is and always has been appreciated.

Thank you, Miss Wister.

Gertrude B. Biddle.

TO THE PRESIDENT.

The Editor of the Bulletin wishes to express her appreciation of the constant assistance given to her by Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, President of the Civic Club; and her thanks for many words of encouragement and cheer which have helped her over rough places.

Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson

The Bulletin announces the death of Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Honorary President of the Civic Club, on Monday November 14th 1921. At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on November 28th, the following resolution, presented by Mrs. Arthur H. Lea, was adopted:

The Civic Club of Philadelphia places this Memorial upon its records.

SARA YORKE STEVENSON,
MRS. CORNELIUS STEVENSON,

entered into rest November 14 1921.

The positions of responsibility and trust that she held in the Civic Club were as follows:

President; January 1894 to May 31 1899.

First Vice-President; May 31 1899 to January 1903.

Honorary Vice-President; January 1903 to April 30 1906.

Advisory Vice-President; May 1906 to April 30 1914.

President (second time); May 1914 to April 30 1915.

Honorary President; May 1st 1915 to November 14 1921.

As the first President of the Club she was the pioneer in Civics, finding the path and showing the way for all students to follow. Her energy, enthusiasm and wisdom were the inspiration that led to all that was best in civic betterment. She was the great leader that held our banner aloft with its motto, "Higher Public Spirit, Better Social Order."

The door that closed so gently, shutting her from our sight, can never open. We, the women of the Civic Club, stand outside with bowed heads thanking God for her noble example and asking for knowledge and strength to carry on her work wisely and bravely, for our Country, our State and our City. The Committee requests that this memorial be considered as a resolution and placed on the Minutes as the unanimous wish of the Board and Members of the Civic

Club, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Stevenson.

MRS. ARTHUR H. LEA, Chairman.

MISS ELIZABETH B. KIRKBRIDE

MRS. FREDERICK M. IVES

MRS. JOSEPH LEIDY

The Board also decided to publish a pamphlet in memory of Mrs. Stevenson later in the winter of which Miss Frances A. Wister will have charge.

MRS. STEVENSON

While we were gathered around the bier of Mrs. Stevenson as participants in the beautiful and impressive service in the Unitarian Church, conducted by its pastor, Rev. Dr. Griffin, it seemed to me that the place was filled with an atmosphere of singular tenderness; that there was a pervading sense of the common loss we had sustained. And I knew that a realization of personal bereavement lay deep in each heart. She had stood so pre-eminent in attracting to herself all who came within the range of her vital personality and her brilliant mind that it was impossible, as we sat there, to appreciate fully the sad fact that her spirit had taken its everlasting flight.

She was always so gentle, so courteous, so winsome, and at the same time so keen and clear and strong, that to be one of her associates in public work, and above all to possess her friendship, was to experience something which cannot be forgotten.

Then in the larger fields, the all-compelling power of her thought, her great interest in everything designed for the good of the people, her civic idealism and her intense patriotism, all found expression, each one through its appropriate channel. It is not strange, therefore, that she radiated a steady directing influence upon the entire community, nor can it be questioned that she kindled in others an enthusiasm for the tasks of life. The evening and the morning pass away, but the influence of a life thus nobly lived does not pass away.

GERTRUDE B. BIDDLE

A LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Fayetteville, Pa., Nov. 16, 1921.

My dear Mrs. Biddle:

Perhaps you, and others of Mrs. Stevenson's friends, were prepared for the news which the morning paper brought of Mrs. Stevenson's death, but we, off here in the mountains, were not prepared. I feel even more stunned now than when I first read it. It is impossible to realize that she is gone.

But are you not happy to know that before she passed into Silence, she had received over and over from the many she tried to reach recognition, and gratitude, and a regard that passed beyond speech. How wonderful she was! How fortunate all who were touched by her!

MIRA L. DOCK

**"And What is Writ is Writ,—
Would it Were Worthier!"**

My dear Readers:

For the first time in my long editorship of the Civic Club Bulletin, the editorial "we" must be dropped. That vague, invisible, intangible creature, the editor, must for a brief space become a living person and address you as woman to woman. My reason is that I want to disabuse your minds of the idea that editorials and Bulletins drop from the clouds, ready for the printer much as Minerva sprang fully armed from the head of Jove; and to show you that an editor is really a person. Also that these Bulletins have not sprung into being in so easy a fashion or in such perfect form as the ancient goddess did. They require such continuous hard labor on the part of the editor that after this December number is issued I must relinquish the position which I have held for eight years. Editors should be made of cast-iron, not of flesh and blood.

I remember, when I accepted this post, feeling how inadequate I was to take up the pen of the founder and first editor. Month by month I have noted my shortcomings. I only hope that you have not been so acutely sensitive to them as I have.

It has been a pleasure to me to talk

to you each month; and if writing editorials were the only work connected with this publication the duties of an editor would be much lighter.

I have striven to keep up the high standard for the Bulletin which was handed down to me; and if any success has been achieved, it is due to the inspiration and enthusiasm of its founder.

Do you realize that it has never published a paid advertisement?

Do you realize that no paid-for article has ever appeared in these pages?

Do you realize also there have been a number of regular contributors whose articles have been of great value; and a number of contributors, each expert in his subject, who from time to time have given us the benefit of their knowledge and experience? We owe a debt of thanks, to our contributors for their devotion; and because they have saved you from receiving Bulletins composed entirely of editorials.

When the last word comes it brings a pang. The world is moving so fast that there is much to be said monthly, daily, hourly to our members, which I shall not have an opportunity to say. Great changes occur, but right and wrong never change. They merely become more difficult to distinguish in the general confusion.

Certain things remain, however, for us, our children and our city. Their need is everlasting. If we neglect the children we shall have no city to worry us. As generation succeeds generation the Civic Club motto should be better understood and more efficiently carried out. If any words of mine have served to make our aims and needs more clear, I shall be grateful.

Thank you for your friendship and your patience and remember the words of Roosevelt: "Fear God and do your part."

FRANCES ANNE WISTER

Public Health Committee

Mrs. A. L. Carhart, Chairman and Mrs. Horace H. Jenks, Vice-Chairman are attending the meetings of the Philadelphia Commission on Ventilation. This

is a new organization for a much-needed improvement. Only four states in the union have any laws regulating the ventilation of public meeting places, office buildings, shops, schools, etc. It is hoped that Pennsylvania will be fifth. A more valuable health measure can hardly be imagined.

Philadelphia Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee

Thanksgiving and Christmas, our most joyous holidays, mark the beginning and end of the Christmas Seal Sale held every year by the Philadelphia Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee to **Help Prevent Tuberculosis**.

Last year 2,259 people died from tuberculosis in Philadelphia alone. There are now in the schools 87,000 undernourished children who must be brought to normal weight to save them from the possibility of such a death.

To check the march of the White Plague, the Philadelphia Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee is teaching the rules of health and hygiene to 69,000 children enrolled in the Modern Health Crusade and Health Dramatics; is conducting nutrition classes for undernourished children in public and parochial schools; is examining these undernourished children for physical defects and correcting them whenever possible; is maintaining Camp Happy at Torresdale as a summer home for the nutrition class youngsters, who have never before had a vacation in their lives; is carrying on work among adult tuberculous patients in conjunction with the Phipps Institute, Jefferson Hospital, and the Kensington Dispensary for the treatment of tuberculosis; and is inaugurating diagnostic night clinics for men and women who can't afford to leave their work during the day, but who want physical examinations and medical care.

Christmas Seals entirely support this work. They are sold at the Philadelphia Health Council offices, 10 S. 18th St., and at many other places throughout the City. They cost but a penny apiece. Every one that is bought and placed on

holiday mail and packages is a message of well being! Don't you want to help put the Christmas Seal of Health on Philadelphia?

A Sane Fourth at Last!

July lies five months behind us, yet it is not too late for the Civic Club to thank Councils for an ordinance with "teeth" in it, and the Mayor for displaying the "teeth." The new ordinance forbidding the manufacture, sale or use of explosive toys was enforced absolutely, showing that with a resolute mayor and police department the impossible may easily become the possible.

The City had a safe and sane holiday. There were school picnics, dances and pageants and plenty of wholesome fun, but there was no din to torture the nerves and increase the death rate. No houses went up in flames because of "harmless" fire-crackers; no child lost his eyes or his hands or was burned to death.

The Chairman of the Sane Fourth Committee wrote a letter of appreciation to the Mayor and in thanking him for the safe and sane holiday said that her Committee could now go out of existence. One of the papers in commenting on the letter advised the Committee to be slow in disbanding, since it is always possible to extract "teeth." Such dentistry has not been unknown, and the paper's advice may be good, but the Committee is quite sure that during Mayor Moore's administration, at least, it will be able to sit back and fold its hands in peace.

IMOGEN B. OAKLEY

Chairman Committee on a Sane Fourth.

The General Meeting

"The Nurse Problem" was the interesting and important subject that was laid before the Civic Club at the last General Meeting held on November 29.

Miss S. Lillian Clayton, Director of Nurses at the Philadelphia General Hospital, was the chief speaker and discussed for our benefit the facts as to the shortage of nurses and how the emergency

can be met in Philadelphia. She asserted that if instead of saying "shortage of nurses" we substitute "a greater demand for nurses" we will better understand the existing difficulty in the profession.

She urged upon her audience an appreciation of the fact that the required three years of training is a deterrent to many who might otherwise consider the work; that the hours of daily service are too long and exhausting. The training time should be shortened to two years and four months, and the day's work to eight hours. Two hundred out of six hundred training schools in this country have already shortened the hours.

It is an impressive statement that the American Red Cross is today employing eighteen hundred teachers of home nursing who are thus performing a great national service in helping to safeguard the public health.

Miss Susan C. Francis, Superintendent Children's Hospital, spoke on "The National Council for Nursing Education" and Miss Stricker on "Christmas Seals and Public Health."

On the Naming of Streets

In a recent number of a popular magazine, Mr. Owen Wister makes good-natured fun of the American custom of numbering streets and avenues instead of dignifying them with the names of men and women who have served the state. What possible interest is there, he asks, in living on 20th Street or 10th Avenue? If we number our streets because it makes it easier to remember where we live, he adds, we place ourselves in a low mental grade and should take a course in mnemonics or seek for a time the seclusion of a home for the feeble-minded.

The writer of this article remembers that when General Dix was sent over to France to represent this country the French exclaimed, "How the Americans love to number things! They number even their generals!"

Mr. Wister expresses his satisfaction that the new northeast boulevard is not

numbered, but named in honor of perhaps the most popular American who ever lived, Theodore Roosevelt. He says it should give one a thrill merely to step upon a street with such a name. The writer drove the whole length of the boulevard lately and felt a thrill indeed, but it was a thrill of shame. From one end to the other, flamboyant posters lined the road. Sometimes they were new and glaring; often they were hanging from the walls in filthy tatters. A huge manufacturing plant occupies the most conspicuous position on the boulevard. Its many hundred employees have trodden down the grass that adorns, or should adorn, the middle of the roadway. Push cart purveyors of lunches and peanuts line up near the factory and leave an unsightly litter.

But depressing and humbling to civic pride as all this is, it is even worse to know that this boulevard, built at great expense to the taxpayer as an extension of the park system, is to be turned over to our traction octopuses.

Councils have granted permission to the P. R. T. to lay a double line of tracks on what was meant to be a beautiful parkway, although they could quite as easily be laid on an adjacent and parallel street.

If the boulevard had been named 10th or 20th Avenue, the desecration would have seemed less, but to name it after Roosevelt and then disfigure it with every thing he would have condemned is to give a thrill indeed, but not the thrill Mr. Wister hoped the rising generation might feel.

IMOGEN B. OAKLEY.

A Celebration at the Anna Hallowell School

On November 1st 1921, the birthday of Miss Anna Hallowell was celebrated at the school at 23rd and Lombard Streets, which bears her name.

The Supervising Principal Mr. Edmund A. Thompson had arranged an interesting programme, consisting of addresses, songs and exercises by the school and a play called "Slave or Freed-

man," in which the scene is laid in 1858.

Among the guests were the Misses Hollowell, Mrs. Mumford, Miss Frothingham and Mrs. Wm. E. Lingelbach.

The play presented the true story of David Dangerfield who had escaped from his master and had been caught in Philadelphia. Other characters depicted were Miss Anna Hollowell, Miss Emily Hollowell and Mrs. Lucretia Mott all in Quaker dress; Commissioner Longstreth, the U. S. officer before whom the case was tried, and Lawyer Hopper, uncle of DeWolfe Hopper. David's master also appeared but he lost his case and his slave. David was acquitted because the man whom they were hunting differed from him by one half inch in height! Immediately on his acquittal David was hustled into a cab by Miss Hollowell's brothers, and driven to Mr. Morris Hollowell's house on Washington Lane, where he spent the night.

Thirteen little girls called "The Golden Thoughts of the Hollowell School," each wearing a letter in the name Anna Hollowell formed a background on the stage.

Miss Hollowell was one of the original Board of Directors of the Civic Club and for many years one of its most valued members. She is publicly best-known as an educator and as having been the first woman member of the Board of Education.

Will You Help?

THE OBJECT OF THE COUNCIL FOR NURSING EDUCATION OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The world is trying to right itself, and every individual and organization in it is trying to do the same thing.

The world realizes more fully its need of health. This requires more nurses, not only nurses to nurse, but also nurses to keep people well. Girls realize more fully their call to service, their need of filling some great need. Hospitals are raising their standards and giving a more normal life, a more adequate training to their pupil nurses.

The explanation to the public of all

that training and the nursing profession have to offer, is the great work undertaken by the Council for Nursing Education.

Already twelve Philadelphia Hospitals have joined the Council and testify to the advantages they have derived from it.

To young women and their parents the Council tells the true story of a modern nurse's life and the varied opportunities to which it leads.

To Women's Clubs the story is so told that women of influence in local affairs may stir to zeal the Trustees on their hospital boards. They may also afford opportunity for the Executive Secretary of the Council to address such boards, inviting their hospital to join this movement which is national in scope and locally handled by this Council.

Engagements to address missionary societies, camps, granges, clubs and schools are all eagerly welcomed. It will be a pleasure to send you as organizations or as individuals leaflets telling of nursing as a profession that you may pass them on to your young friends.

Will you help?

FRANCES MALTBY

Executive Secretary
218 South 19th St.

List of References on Nursing

Recommended by Miss S. Lillian Clayton.

Report of the Committee on Nursing of the General Medical Board of the Council of National Defense.

The Case for Shorter Hours in Hospital Schools of Nursing. Secure both from National Nursing Headquarters, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York.

Cleveland Hospital Health Survey—Part IX Nursing. Cleveland Hospital Council, 308 Anisfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

A Sounder Economic Basis for Training Schools for Nurses. By M. Adelaide Nutting, National Nursing Headquarters, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York.

Johns Hopkins Hospital—Endowment Fund Committee.

Hillcrest Farm

It was my good fortune during a visit to New England to visit Hillcrest Farm, Weston, Mass., where Miss Marian R. Case of Boston and Weston is conducting an interesting farm and garden school for boys on her estate. Miss Case is a trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and a Vice-President of the National Farm and Garden Association. She began this school as an experiment in 1909; and it has proved so useful and so interesting that it may be said to be at present an established factor in the many efforts that are being made to cultivate a desire in the hearts of American boys to return to the soil. The estate now comprises 87 acres and is divided between farm and garden projects, so that each boy receives horticultural and agricultural training during his summers at Hillcrest. The work on the estate is carried on in winter by six men, to which are added in summer twenty schoolboys from 12 to 16 years of age, and extra men. The Skinner system of irrigation, a farm tractor, a truck for delivering the produce and a fine pair of gray percherons are among the assets of the farm.

The land is devoted to raising vegetables, fruits and flowers; and Hillcrest is now well-known for the excellence of its produce and for the rare varieties of trees and flowers which are grown within its bounds. One of Miss Case's specialties is her collection of rose species from all over the world. She possesses also specimens of Chinese elm, cork-bark elm, Russian mulberry, Japanese primrose, Chinese eggplant, which are the size of a hen's egg and white, Chinese watermelon, bulbs and gladiolus seeds from South Africa, spiraxis from the Cape provinces and many other rare plants. In the fruit garden are to be found strawberries, of which 2500 boxes were picked this year, currants, gooseberries, wineberries, loganberries, blackberries, cultivated blueberries, grapes, pears, apples, cherries, peaches, figs, plums, nectarines, apricots, honeydew and Rogers melons. Many of these are on espaliers. In ad-

dition to this there is a large tract of wild blueberries.

The vegetables include all the ordinary kinds and many varieties of each. Mushrooms will be grown this winter.

The wild garden contains 2000 cypripediums and many varieties of ferns besides quantities of plants dear to the heart of the flower lover.

Last summer a market was held twice each week at Western Centre, which proved a boon to the surrounding neighborhood. Hillcrest has wonderful exhibits at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Shows in Boston, as well as at the Waltham Fair and the Grange Fair of Weston. Prizes are a drug in the market at Hillcrest. Thirty-two firsts and one second was the record at the Grange; and at Waltham, Hillcrest was awarded the prize for the best general display.

And now having briefly touched on the material joys and triumphs of this remarkable place, we may pass on to the extraordinary opportunities which are offered to the boys there each summer. They come from Weston and neighboring towns. For the first two years they work from 8 to 12 and receive \$1.00 per week. After that they become all-day boys and receive \$20.00 per month. Each boy is required to keep a small diary and he is also required to report in writing the weekly lecture which Miss Case provides. For these purposes Miss Case has built a club-house where all indoor events are held. The lectures would do credit to a state agricultural institution and require time and forethought to arrange. On Labor Day each year the boys read specially prepared essays before an audience of guests and are awarded prizes by judges not connected with the farm.

Lectures have been given on the following topics and others: Climate, Plants of Korea and Japan, Labrador, Birds of the Antarctic, Use of the Voice, Clouds, Cyclones and Tornadoes, Canning, Strawberries, Irises, Edible Weeds, Insects, Butterflies, Books, Poultry, Trees, Fruit Trees, Roses, Cranberries, Pears, Grapes.

The lecturers include specialists from

Yale University; Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University; Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh; Natural History Museum, New York City; Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst; Blue Hill Observatory, Milton, Mass.; Bussey Institute and other places; besides many private individuals who are specialists in their lines.

From this list it will be seen that the boys at Hillcrest Farm are receiving a very remarkable training and enjoying unusual privileges. I have not heard of any other project of the kind in America and I suggest to our readers to watch its development.

F. A. WISTER.

Magazines for Byberry

A request has come to Civic Club members through the Public Health Department for contributions of magazines—especially those containing pictures—for use at Byberry in the various wards of the hospitals.

The magazines may be left at the rooms of the Civic Club, 1300 Spruce Street, and will be collected from that point.

ELIZABETH DE SANTA EULALIA.

The School Visitors' Meeting

Dr. Edwin C. Broome, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the newly elected School Visitors on Wednesday afternoon, November thirtieth, in the rooms of the Civic Club. Over one hundred of these women Visitors were present as guests of the Committees for Placing Women on School Boards and of Education. Dr. Broome outlined their duties to them, showing how much they may mean in the development of our school system. They are free to visit the schools at all times and are expected to make complete inspections of all parts of the buildings. The appointment of janitors is entirely entrusted to the Board of School Visitors in each ward. There is great need in many wards for a more careful oversight of the janitorial forces. The principals of the schools have no authority over the janitors beyond the mere right to report

to headquarters too glaring irregularities. Because there is so little direct supervision many abuses creep in.

The Visitors may also be a great power in creating right public sentiment and in upholding the hands of the Superintendent and his assistants. They are in a position to know the real truth about the schools in their own wards; the conditions of buildings, the overcrowding of class rooms, part time, the sanitary conditions, the precautions taken against fire and other accidents, the real need for more buildings.

By virtue of their positions they can always reach the Superintendent and the Board of Education. They can back up both when they need their support in awakening a community's interest in its schools. An awakened community will always secure anything it wants.

Miss Kirkbride presided at the meeting. Brief addresses were made by Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, Mrs. Lingelbach, Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. O'Harra, Miss Carnell and Mrs. H. B. Allyn of the Philomusian Club who is one of the newly appointed school visitors.

The Americanization Committee

At the Southwark School, Ninth and Mifflin Streets, the Americanization Committee is arranging a celebration for adult foreign students on Wednesday, December 14th. About 500 foreigners, Russians, Italians and Jews will take part in the exercises, and each nationality will be represented on the programme. Mr. Victor Celelli, an admirable speaker, will make the principal address. He is an Italian by birth, a graduate of Yale and at present has charge of the educational work of the Pennsylvania Railroad. There will be Russian music by a Russian; and the Jews are themselves arranging a patriotic recitation. At the end "America" will be sung by all the students in English.

This evening is being arranged with the approval of Mr. Welsh, Superintendent of Adult Classes in the Public Schools, and it is the hope of the Committee to arrange similar ones in different sections of Philadelphia.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR.

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11 A. M.: Social Welfare.

November 14, Monday:

10:30 A. M.: Ward Affairs.

November 22, Tuesday:

10:30 A. M.: Municipal Art. Rooms of Fairmount Park Commission, City Hall. Plans will be shown of Parkway and Art Museum followed by visit to Art Museum.

November 23, Wednesday:

11:30 A. M.: Membership Committee.

November 28, Monday:

10:30 A. M.: Board of Directors.

November 29, Tuesday:

General Meeting under direction of Committees on Public Health and Industrial Conditions.

Subject: The Nurse Problem. See page 8.

DECEMBER CALENDAR (Partial)

December 1, Thursday:

11 A. M.: Committee on League of Good Citizenship.

3:30 P. M.: Meeting of Women Candidates and School Visitors by invitation of Committees on Education and for Placing Women on School Boards. Address by Dr. Edwin C. Broome.

December 2, Friday:

December 5, Monday:

11 A. M.: Juniors.

EVENTS OF INTEREST.

November 8, Tuesday:

Election Day.

November 10-16:

Meeting National Council of Women, Philadelphia.

November 11-24:

Red Cross Annual Roll Call.

November 14-18:

Welfare Federation Drive. Philadelphia.

November 14-17:

Annual Meeting in Chicago of the following:

American Civic Association.

National Municipal League.

National Association of City Secretaries.

National Association of City Managers.

"HIS TIME IS FOREVER, EVERY- WHERE HIS PLACE."

Three years ago on November 11th, the people of this country were awakened in the early dawn by the noise of whistles, the shrieking of sirens, the pealing of bells, and they rejoiced that an Armistice between the belligerents in a terrible war had been arranged.

This year the day will be marked by ceremonies over the body of an Unknown American Soldier, who will be buried in the National Cemetery at Washington with full military honours, and amid the tributes of our Allies. In doing this the United States is only following the suit of the other countries with whom we fought against the principles of Kaiserism.

For the first time in history the unknown dead are receiving the honours which they deserve. Under the Arc de Triomphe, in Westminster Abbey and in Rome, rest soldiers representing the thousands of unidentified men who perished in the world's greatest struggle against tyranny. Millions of their compatriots and their Allies have paid the last tribute to them.

Now the time has come for us to show how 110,000,000 of his countrymen can honour our Unknown Hero. The great of our own and of other lands will walk behind his bier. He shall not

"go down

To the vile dust from whence he sprung

Unwept, unhonour'd and unsung."

merely because the frightful manner of his death prevented his country or his family from marking his last resting place. The world is marking it for him, however, so that he will never be forgotten. A man's name is unimportant when he has perished for his country.

Not only the Unknown will be honoured on Armistice Day but America and the world are paying tribute to our many bereaved families.

Those who honour this Unknown Soldier, honour themselves. Gratitude is written on his grave. He has no name, but the nation calls him "Hero." "What shall I do to be forever known and make the age to come my own?"

An Honor to Our President

Last June at the Annual Commencement of Temple University, the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, President of the Civic Club, in recognition of her services to the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Biddle modestly asserts that this is a tribute to the work of women, but we beg to differ, if it is permissible to differ with our president.

Every member of the Civic Club and Mrs. Biddle's many friends in Pennsylvania will rejoice in this appreciation of her continuous labors for "a higher public spirit and a better social order."

The Constitution Must Not be Changed!

At a special election held in Pennsylvania in September, a majority of 99,698 people voted against the proposed Constitutional Convention. This shows clearly that the importance of revising the State Constitution was not understood by enough citizens to carry such a proposition through.

We suggest that those in charge of the propaganda for this much-needed reform in our state should continue right on in the work of educating the people to their own needs. It would be interesting to know why these hundred thousand voted against revision. Did they know what they were voting against? Were they told to vote that way? Did they really want to keep Pennsylvania among the backward states? Did they realize that the business of a modern state can be but poorly conducted under a Constitution that was framed in 1873?

It would also be interesting to know how thoroughly the Women's Clubs of the state took the matter up. We had looked to great educational campaigns through this medium. In Philadelphia the vote was 97,689 for revision; 127,773 against revision. We also wonder how many voters realized that a body of able men had been working for two years on

the proposed changes, at some expense to the state and at great cost of time and labor to themselves. Also that public hearings had been held on different occasions at different places in order that the voice of the people should be heard and understood by the Commission on Revision.

Nothing remains now but to keep on instructing the people until the Legislature meets again, in the hope of procuring another State Constitutional Convention, first through the vote of the Legislature and next through the intelligent vote of the people in Pennsylvania.

Driven to Death

Yes, but relief is in sight.

The approaching campaign of the Welfare Federation of Philadelphia, which is to be conducted from November 14th to 18th, 1921, will be greeted with joy by the many Philadelphians who are accustomed to receiving appeals to subscribe to a new "Drive" by every mail. Many times the names of the charities are unknown to the person appealed to; often they are known but their value to the community is unknown, and so into the scrap basket they go. The cost in time, strength and money of these continuous and individual campaigns is enormous and the results are becoming each year more uncertain. This makes the livelihood of these agencies more and more precarious. Many will eventually have to go out of business, and perhaps they should. Others will have to close up which are of immense value to the public.

On another page in this issue is a full account of the aim of the Welfare Federation. One of the principal results which is hoped for is that more people will give, even if the sums are small, and thus the burden will be distributed. When we hear that only 2½% of the population subscribe to charity it will be understood why education is necessary in this line. The Civic Club urges its members to heed this call and to help to make the campaign a success here, as it has been in other cities.

State Federation of Pennsylvania Women

IMPRESSIONS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
BY CIVIC CLUB DELEGATES

As the Countess of Santa Eulalia Saw it

One could not but be impressed at the outset by this large gathering of earnest women of high purpose and common aim, met together for counsel and co-operation.

In a general way the program appeared to follow the lines which have for years constituted the interesting features, but there was evidence of an enlargement of vision and widening scope, presaging even greater accomplishments than we, as club women, have been privileged to claim in the past.

The address of Mrs. Thos. G. Winter which was delivered to a full house upon the subject of "Education Today," was inspirational, and characterized by Mrs. Winter's usual grip of the subject.

Tuesday evening's program for the "Promotion of Music in the Schools" proved most interesting and suggestive.

The subject was opened by Miss Amanda Vierheller, who is a strong advocate of a musical course in the Public Schools as affording an opportunity for the development of latent musical talent, as well as for its other beneficial effects.

Dr. Will Erhart, Director of Music of the Pittsburgh Public Schools, enlarged on the plan designed for the State, and described in an interesting manner the method of conducting the musical course, furnishing a striking illustration of the possibilities of orchestral music in the schools in the performance of the orchestra from the Pittsburgh Schools.

The Orchestra rendered in a highly creditable manner Schubert's Rosamunde Overture and Wagner's Tannhauser March. There were about sixty-five instruments and none of the performers was over sixteen years of age. The impression was left that a properly conducted musical course in the schools, with credits given, as suggested, just as in other subjects, would be productive of

far reaching results, tending to a gradual development of musical feeling in our country.

The baneful effect of inferior music, especially of that known as "Jazz," was greatly deplored by Mrs. Marx Obernderfer, the subject of whose address was "Americanization Through Music."

The question, however, is open as to whether "Jazz" music is a contributing cause of the demoralization of the youth of the land, or whether this so-called music is itself a result of the general lowering of the standards of social life.

The address of Dr. John M. Thomas, newly elected President of State University, on "Women and the Changing World," constituted a warm advocacy for equal opportunities for men and women in the State University, and was well received.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Rowena Morse Mann made a strong plea for a more prominent part in public affairs on the part of women. Her points were well taken, and the address was full of humor and admirably given.

As it Appeared to Mrs. Edgar W. Baird

At the Convention of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women in Pittsburgh it was impressive to see the great number of women who found, or made, it possible to attend.

It was done, undoubtedly, in many cases, at the sacrifice of home duties and responsibilities, and those who went must have felt that they were taking back to their clubs in city or town something "worth while."

A thing which it would seem desirable to correct at future conventions was the difficulty of hearing the speakers. Very few of the women could make themselves heard more than a few feet away and their message was, therefore, practically lost to a large number of delegates. This was not the case with Mrs. Winter, who spoke clearly and distinctly and to the point, making her speech most effective. Surely no one in the audience could fail to be impressed.

The modulation of the voice and the ease with which every person in the audi-

ence heard the actors in the play given at Carnegie Institute on the Wednesday afternoon of the Convention, illustrated the advantage and desirability of training in elocution for anyone who may be called upon to speak in public, and seems a thing to which club women should give attention. The play referred to was "The Song of Songs," which is the "Song of Solomon," as stated on the program. It was acted in the hall of, and was given by, the Department of Drama of the Carnegie Institute of Technology. It was indeed a privilege to be given seats for this performance, which was most artistically rendered by the students of the School. The scenery and costumes had been made by them, the lighting arranged and directed by them, and the music (which was most appropriate and seemed as though written for the words) had been obtained by one of the students, a young man of twenty-one, who said he had spent many days listening to phonograph records in order to select music suitable for the words and scenes; his taste was exquisite.

The afternoon was a memorable one and those who witnessed this performance cannot but hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing these talented young persons on the so-called "real stage" in the near future for they are giving two, three or even four years of hard work in order to worthily produce legitimate drama.

Mrs. Newkirk's Views

While there was much of interest in the program of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women, and the proverbial Pittsburgh hospitality extended to the delegates and guests of the Convention made the hours from Monday October 17th to Friday October 21st pass with surprising quickness, nevertheless, I came away with the impression that an effective program might be presented in a shorter period of time. With the pressure of affairs and interests becoming ever greater, there are comparatively few busy women who can devote four or five

days to a convention made up chiefly of reports to be printed later, unless there are matters of vital or, at least, of special importance to be discussed and settled. In general, it would seem that much might be gained from careful condensation.

Among the outstanding features of the Convention were the address by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Resolution on Disarmament—which was passed unanimously even before Mrs. Rublee had an opportunity to point out the connection between Over-population and Disarmament—and the discussion of Industrial Relations by Mrs. Samuel W. Semple. In this day of unemployment and industrial unrest and uncertainty, this discussion seemed of first importance. Mrs. Semple made it quite clear that ours is a working world and that we all really live and move and have our being in work; hence, the importance of industrial relations.

The keynote of the discussion left us hopeful that we may yet see the dawn of world peace, ushered in by industrial co-operation.

Did You Burn up Last Night?

If not, it is a wonder that you did not. Most likely you went to bed with hot ashes in a wooden box in your cellar; with a kerosene can near the stove; and a bottle of combustible cleansing fluid near the furnace, because a recent magazine writer told you that the cellar was the proper place for cleansing your garments. Probably also after lighting the gas you threw the match somewhere; perhaps it went into the scrap basket filled with paper. You are protesting loudly that you are a Civic Club member and that you know better; but there are 900 of you, and how many women are there in Philadelphia and how many men who are not our members?

It is fitting that October 9th, the anni-

versary of the Chicago fire of 1871, should be set aside for Fire Prevention Day. It will not be long before this will be universally observed in the United States, as Mayors, Governors, and even the President himself, are beginning to issue proclamations on the subject. It is high time they should.

Civic Club members have for some time been awake to the peril of Philadelphia from fire. Our city's record on the fire line is a fine one from the numerical standpoint; it is about 5000 fires annually, costing the community \$8,000,000. Of these 90% were preventable.

How many fires can our members prevent by teaching the lesson of carefulness instead of carelessness with matches; of having chimneys cleaned regularly; of using metal cans for hot ashes; of not using combustible cleansing fluids, especially indoors.

The Chamber of Commerce is doing valuable educational work through its Fire Prevention and Insurance Committee. It is trying to have systematic instruction on Fire Prevention introduced into the schools through the use of the manual "Safeguarding the Home Against Fire." We suggest also that the National Board of Underwriters' film, "The Danger That Never Sleeps," should be used in the schools. Sixty dollars will buy the film, the description of which leads us to believe that it is admirably suited to children and very charming.

This same Committee advocates more systematic and thorough yearly inspection of dwelling houses with penalties for negligence; more general use of fire extinguishers in homes, schools and apartment houses; and a number of other, not only valuable but absolutely essential, suggestions.

All of these, however, require the force of public opinion behind them before they can be accomplished. It is the duty of Civic Club members to learn what our city needs in order to eliminate the terrible danger in which the inhabitants daily find themselves; and to become not fire-brands but carefully instructed torch-bearers leading the way.

The Children's Concerts

This series of three concerts, to be given in December, January and February, is a splendid opportunity for Philadelphia; and the Committee for the Concerts feels sure that everyone interested in the future development of the musical life of the city and, therefore, in its children will appreciate what it means.

The Committee asks the co-operation of everyone, and suggests that a practical way to ensure the success of the concerts and benefit the most children would be for each organization interested to buy a block of seats and send them to Miss Marion Kohn, Neighborhood Centre, Fifth and Bainbridge Streets, for distribution among the children at the Settlements who would not otherwise be able to go.

MARGARET PACKARD,
(MRS. FRANCIS R. PACKARD.)

*Civic Club Delegate to the
General Committee.*

One Call, One Heart, One Answer

WELFARE FEDERATION

Remember November 14th to 18th, 1921!

The Welfare Federation of Philadelphia, long-sought and eagerly awaited, is now a going concern—not only going, but thriving and driving, with the determined purpose of one hundred and twenty-five welfare agencies and thousands of public-spirited citizens behind it. In the Week of November 14th to 18th, its summons to civic service will be heard in every highway and byway of the metropolitan district of Philadelphia.

To members of the Civic Club, whose stirring motto, "For a Higher Public Spirit and a Better Social Order," expresses the whole spirit of the Federation's aim and program, the call comes with special force and it will be answered with emphatic conviction.

No civic obligation is more direct and compelling, and none brings greater satisfaction, than to help the sick, the poor, the blind, the crippled, the aged, the homeless and helpless, and the neglected child. The Federation will enable us to dis-

charge this obligation in constantly increasing measure, because more intelligently and with less waste, and at the same time to help more effectively than ever before to build a better community for us all to live in.

It will present to us at one time, one comprehensive picture of the civic and welfare needs of this great community; it will show us what part of them must be met by the voluntary effort of private organizations and what this part should cost, and then it will ask us to contribute to the fund required, according to our means.

The agencies now at work in the welfare field will maintain their separate identities, their own boards of directors, their own management. Individual initiative and interest will still have free play, and even greater opportunity than before, since each organization will be spared the necessity of devoting so large a part of its time and effort to raising the funds required for its work. Through one concerted appeal for financial support, and through voluntary and thorough-going co-operation and mutual counsel, each will gain efficiency, as well as enthusiasm. The Federation is to be a continuing help and inspiration, not merely a week-long organization.

The one hundred and twenty-five agencies now united in the Federation directory benefit one in every five people in Philadelphia each year. Last year more than 200,000 people were treated in the hospitals and dispensaries that are now members of the Federation, while an additional twenty thousand received nursing care in their own homes. Twenty thousand persons suffering from poverty and other causes of distress were helped, and the number of boys and girls and men and women who were afforded wholesome recreation, education and helpful social contacts, through the settlements, clubs, associations and social centers reaches into the tens of thousands. If we add to this the services of the organizations for improving housing, obtaining provision for the feeble-minded and the insane, promoting and aiding in the protection of children, it is clear

that nothing so intimately affects the lives of the people of Philadelphia and its suburbs as do these welfare agencies.

The plans for the week of November 14th to 18th are well advanced. Practically all the work of the campaign is being done by volunteers. No commercial campaign manager has been employed, and the necessity of diverting a percentage of the receipts to a professional organizer has thus been avoided. Judge J. Willis Martin, President of the Federation; Benjamin H. Ludlow, Chairman of the Campaign Committee; John H. Mason, Captain General of the more than one hundred soliciting teams; more than one thousand individual team members; and five hundred speakers, all are giving unnumbered hours of volunteer service to the cause; while Federation Headquarters are astir with the well-organized efforts of scores of volunteers, members of Boards and staffs of the Agencies, who are absorbed in the task of carrying the Federation message to every citizen before Welfare Week ends. Sherman C. Kingsley, until recently the Executive Director of the highly successful Cleveland Federation, has brought to the Philadelphia Federation, as its Executive Secretary, his rich experience and fine ability.

It remains for Philadelphia to respond to this splendidly organized effort in accordance with its old-time tradition as truly the "City of Brotherly Love." Members of the Civic Club will not await individual calls to service. Today, as in the past, they will be in the vanguard of the volunteer army for the good of Philadelphia and all its people.

KENNETH L. M. PRAY.

A Crusade

A wide-spread movement was started on October 30th, when the minister of every church in the United States was requested to inaugurate National Cancer Week by calling the attention of his congregation to this menace to the health of our country. No doubt hundreds of the clergy responded and thousands of persons were appealed to at the same mo-

ment to assist in controlling the disease called cancer. When 100,000 persons die from one disease in a year measures must be taken and taken speedily. The peril of tuberculosis was attacked in the same way and that scourge is now held in check. The national terror of it has subsided.

Now we face a new danger, one of which little is known and for which neither absolute cause nor cure has been found.

With the medical profession of America devoting its best to cancer research, it cannot be long before this mystery yields its secret to scientific investigation. In the meantime the public must learn not to conceal illness on account of a false sensitiveness, and on account of dread of the word which is now spoken with bated breath. Tuberculosis was for years spoken of in whispers and it was regarded as a disgrace to acknowledge that one had it. Concealment until it is too late to halt a disease benefits nobody and is neither courageous nor sensible. It simply spells grief and suffering for thousands. The American public must be more frank and less sensitive before the medical profession can really fight cancer.

Twelve Talks

BY THE PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The University of Pennsylvania and the Management of the Academy of Music announce Twelve Talks, beginning November 15th, in the Foyer of the Academy.

There will be four main groups in the series: Letters, Science, Health and Art with illustrations. The list of speakers includes Professors Schelling, Wm. Romaine Newbold, Edward P. Cheyney, John M. Macfarlane, Arthur Goodspeed, Lightner Witmer, Geo. E. de Schweinitz, Paul A. Lewis, Alexander C. Abbott, R. Gait McKenzie, Warren P. Laird, Walton B. McDaniel.

The moderate fee of \$5.00 for the series places this course within the reach of a large number of people.

School Visitors

The reports of the Primary Election for candidates for School Visitors in the various wards of the city, show that 215 women were nominated in 44 wards. Of these, however, only 38 were endorsed by the Joint Committee called by the Civic Club and headed by Miss Elizabeth B. Kirkbride, of the Civic Club Committee for Placing Women on School Boards.

These successful candidates are as follows:

Ward	Name	Party
2	Mary M. Adams	D.
	Tamzon C. Powers	R. D.
4	Marion C. Kohn	R. D.
6	Sarah J. S. Weisgerber	R. D.
7	Margaret A. Lennig	R.
	Marion Reilly	D.
8	Emily J. Robins	R. D.
15	Nellie Florence Lee	R. D.
	Katherine S. Merrill	R.
21	Kathryn Struse	R.
22	Marion H. Emlen	D. Soc.
	Elizabeth S. M. Clarke	R. D. Pro.
24	Mary Thomas Miller	R. D.
26	Mary E. Wilkinson	R.
27	Rachael Gregory Allyn	R. D. Pro.
	Mary Longstreth Shoe-maker	R. D. Pro.
	Mary Bromley Watt	R. D. Pro.
	Jennie M. Fels	R. D. Pro.
28	Katharine D. White	R.
30	M. E. Thompson Coppin	R.
32	Hanna L. Levi	R. D.
	Katie Fox	R.
35	Belle V. Boggs	R. D.
	Laura L. P. Cheney	R. D.
38	Caroline B. Scott	R. D. Soc.
	Lida A. Logan	R.
40	Rose Schwatt	Soc.
42	Martha E. Bossert	R.
44	Eleanor R. T. Choate	R. Charter Soc.
	Ella Williams Grim	R. Pro.
	Alida S. Lockard	D.
45	Helen M. Oliver	R. D.
46	Margaret M. Boyd	R. Pro.
	Elizabeth S. Redfield	R. D. Pro.
	Susan T. Smith	R. D. Pro.
47	Annie Bartram Hall	R.
48	Mae E. Shisler	R.
	Helen deC. Rowbotham	R.

In addition to the above women, four women were nominated whom the Civic Club can heartily endorse. These are Dr. Ella B. Custer, 21st Ward, who was endorsed by the Civic Club Committee

some years ago; Mrs. Wm. Boulton Dixon (Emily P. Dixon), 22nd Ward; Mrs. Cora V. Shuman, 46th Ward, and Mrs. Dana G. How (Helen D. How), 7th Ward. These three women are Civic Club members. It is our hope that all of the above candidates will be elected and as many of the other successful nominees as are suited to this position.

The Daughters of the Empire

Mrs. L. Webster Fox, Regent of the Daughters of the Empire in the United States, and a member of the Civic Club Board will have the honour of placing a wreath in the name of the Daughters on the grave of the Unknown Hero at the international ceremonies on Armistice Day.

A Poem

Ever since the Annual Meeting the Bulletin has been trying to find the delightful poem which Mrs. Biddle quoted and takes pleasure in publishing it.

"TIRED-UP-TO-DATE"

Here lies a poor woman who always was busy;

She lived under pressure that rendered her dizzy;

She belonged to ten clubs and read Browning at sight;

Showed at luncheons and teas and would vote if she might;

She served on a school board with courage and zeal;

She golfed and she kodaked and rode on a wheel;

She read Tolstoi and Ibsen, knew microbes by name;

Approved of Delsarte—was a "Daughter" and "Dame";

Her children went in for the top education;

Her husband went seaward for nervous prostration;

One day on her tablets she found an hour free;

The shock was too great and she died instantly."

Industrial Conference at Harrisburg

Mrs. Edward W. Biddle and Mrs. Walter M. Newkirk represented the Civic Club at this Conference.

Mrs. Samuel Semple, Chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee of the S. F. P. W., sends the following:

"The conference was planned to give, first, a view of the present industrial situation, at home and abroad. The foreign outlook was given by Dr. Frederick Willson, of Reading, an expert in the manufacture of optical goods, who had spent the summer in Europe under business connections that had taken him into practically all of its divisions, both those affected by the war, and the so-called neutral countries. The final impression made by Dr. Willson's paper was that Europe has about fulfilled her time of hardship, and by hard work and skillful re-organization is about ready now to start on the upward path; and one sensed that he felt this to be specially true of Germany. The analysis of the American situation in business was given by Prof. Arthur A. Hammerschlag, President of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, who credited overproduction and extravagance, against the background of the war, with responsibility for the present business depression in America."

THE GENERAL MEETING.

The Nurse Problem will be discussed as follows:

What are the facts as to the Shortage of Nurses? Miss S. Lillian Clayton, Director of Nurses, Philadelphia General Hospital.

How can the Emergency be Met in Philadelphia and What Can the Civic Club Do? Dr. Joseph C. Doane, City Department of Public Health.

What is the National Council for Nursing Education? Miss Eleanor E. Hamilton, Executive Secretary.

Information About Disarmament

The Free Library of Philadelphia has sent to the Civic Club office a list of "References on Disarmament," which can be seen at the library at any time. Unfortunately the list is mostly of magazine articles, not books, but it will doubtless be instructive reading.

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MAY CALENDAR.

May 10, Tuesday:

11 A. M.: Social Welfare.

May 11, Wednesday:

11:30 A. M.: Membership Committee.

May 16, Monday:

10:30 A. M.: Board of Directors. As the usual day for the Board Meeting falls on Memorial Day (May 30) the date of the May meeting has been advanced. Members please note.

May 17, Tuesday:

10:30 A. M.: Ward affairs.

Note change of day from Monday.

10:30 A. M.: Municipal Art. Automobile trip see page 8.

May 24, Tuesday:

11 A. M.: Child Welfare.

Events of Interest.

Pittsburgh: Oct. 18th, 19th, 20th, 1921: State Federation Pennsylvania Women, Annual Meeting.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE PHILADELPHIA FORUM

Will be conducted under the joint auspices of The Civic Club, The University Extension Society, The City Club and the Academy of Music Corporation. It will present a program which, because of its high standards and comprehensive character, will be quickly recognized as one of the most representative Forums in this country.

Beginning with the middle of October 1921 and continuing until the middle of April 1922, the Forum's first season, there will be given under its auspices seventy-five events of a civic, educational, literary, musical and religious character. The discussion of questions of national, state and municipal interest will be a feature of the sessions. These discussions will be strictly non-partisan and non-sectarian.

The Forum will hold all its sessions in the Auditorium and the Foyer of the Academy of

Music. A limit will necessarily have to be placed upon the membership, and the first opportunity to join will be given to the members of the four organizations creating the Forum.

The following have been elected as the officers and the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Forum:

Chairman—Roland S. Morris, President University Extension Society.

Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, President Civic Club.

Edward W. Bok, President Academy of Music Corporation.

Joseph H. Hagedorn, Civic Director City Club, Treas. Girard Trust Company.

The Board of Governors—Charles E. Beury, Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, Edward W. Bok, Dr. Laura H. Carnell, Franklin Spencer Edmonds, Mrs. L. Webster Fox, Clarence Gardner, Joseph H. Hagedorn, Mrs. Arthur H. Lea, Miss Margaret Maguire, Roland S. Morris, George Wharton Pepper, Samuel B. Scott, S. Burns Weston, Thomas Raeburn White, Miss Frances A. Wister.

On September 1st 1921, a full prospectus of the Forum program will be issued and the membership will be registered.

The price of a membership ticket, admitting one person, will be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the complete series of events in the Philadelphia Forum as scheduled in the forthcoming prospectus.

Tickets will not be transferable.

Members of the Club will be interested to know that the following splendid civic subjects will find place upon the Forum's program:

1. The City Beautiful.
2. The City Practical and Efficient.
3. The Value of the Port of Philadelphia, properly developed.
4. The Greatest Menace in Philadelphia: Fire.
5. Why Can't we Check Crime in Philadelphia?
6. How to Stage a Great Sesqui-Centennial.
7. Our National Playgrounds.
8. The Public Schools.
9. Prisons and Prison Life.
10. One Hundred of the World's Best Pictures.
11. Which Closes the Door: Youth or Age?

The first preference in sale of tickets will be given to the members of the four interested organizations; afterward, opportunity will be given to the general public. Therefore, it will be greatly to the advantage of Civic Club members if they will send their names now to Civic Club Office, 1300 Spruce Street.

The Annual Meeting

This took place on Tuesday May 3rd, at the Bellevue-Stratford. Two hundred and thirty-five members sat down to an excellent luncheon at 12.30 and after the inner woman was satisfied an interesting two and a half hours followed, during which the various Chairmen of Committees gave accounts of their work during the past year.

Mrs. Biddle aptly described an annual meeting as a place where one both looked back and looked forward. She also told the members that the committees made the Club and that while there was a limit to our achievement in a year, there was no limit to our effort except that of time and strength.

The reports were clearly arranged in kindred groups and one set of subjects led smoothly to the next.

As Bulletin readers do not often have an opportunity to get a bird's-eye view of the work of Civic Club committees, brief glimpses will be given here.

The League of Good Citizenship has had a renewal of activity this winter and an accession of good workers to its ranks. A memorial meeting for Mrs. Kirkbride was recently held at the McCall School.

The Child Welfare Committee has been especially interested in the condition of young newsboys and has hopes that the present excellent law will be rigidly enforced in the near future. At this point Mrs. Lea gave an account of the proposed \$500,000 playground at Eighth and Jefferson Streets, and read the objections of the Department of Public Welfare to this site. A resolution upholding Director Tustin's stand on this matter was adopted.

The Junior Department of the Club now numbers sixty-five members. These young people are a Godsend to the indigent old women at Holmesburg. Interest in children is never lacking, but nobody wants old women to adopt. Six entertainments, partly amateur and partly professional have been given. Among these was a Christmas tree with individual presents. Part of the fund of \$400

which the juniors have collected is to be spent on glasses for the old ladies. What a fine co-operative labor of love this is for a city institution and how Shakespeare's words, "Youth and crabbed age cannot live together" are refuted by these valiant juniors!

Mrs. Biddle then read a letter asking for advice from the Powderpuff Jury of the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester. The students (men) have declared war on the powderpuff, lipstick, half-hose, etc., but want instructions as to the proper length of women's skirts! Exactly how these young men are going to institute these reforms, does not appear but we wish them success.

The Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Conditions made a plea for the scholarship of \$200, already described in these columns, at the Summer School for Women in Industry at Bryn Mawr College.

She also mentioned with satisfaction the passage of a bill by the Pennsylvania Legislature creating a Woman's Bureau in the State Department of Labor and Industry, and expressed the hope that this would not be a political appointment, and that a woman would be its chief.

The Social Welfare Committee has three sub-divisions as follows:

1. Hospital Committee which gives weekly musical programmes in hospitals, especially at the Philadelphia Hospital, Blockley;

2. The Mothers' Assistance Committee, whose principal efforts are directed towards procuring a sufficient appropriation for the various counties of the state; \$2,250,000 was asked for and it has been reduced to \$1,000,000, and there is a strong possibility that the Governor may cut it still further;

3. The School of Occupational Therapy, whose graduates are in great demand by the Federal Government and others.

The Committee on Prison Conditions is a new one and has spent most of the winter reconnoitering the field. The new institution at Bellefonte will put an end to the overcrowding of the Eastern and

Western Penitentiaries. The Committee has pushed legislation which would wipe out county jails by substituting Poor State Farms for short term prisoners. The bill did not pass.

The Committee on Education reported interest in Federal and State educational legislation and rejoiced that the Governor had forced through his measures for Increased Teachers' Salaries and other necessities.

The School Survey for Philadelphia is nearly completed and the new Superintendent of Schools makes Philadelphia hope for progress.

The Committee for Placing Women on School Boards wishes to receive the names of candidates for School Visitors.

The Committee on Municipal Art and Tree Planting has occupied itself with many problems tending toward the embellishment of the city. Overhanging signs, billboards and street stands come under their particular eyes. Chestnut Street is now free of signs of this kind owing to the initiative of the Chestnut Street Business Men's Association, and other streets will follow. The planting of new trees and care of the tribute trees has been one of their occupations.

The Committee for a Cleaner Philadelphia finds its most important work is the education of our citizens in habits of cleanliness. Our film "The City as a Mother" has been remade and is now being shown again.

The Transit Committee commented on the Lackford Line still idle and determined increase of fares, no extension of increased number of cars and seats. The Company pleads no credit, but has lately borrowed. The employees have secured a reduction of wages now on the

Billboards, for One-day's-rest-in-Seven, for the enforcement of the Volstead Act, etc., and opposed the tax on coal.

The series of seven lectures on Government has been one of the events of the winter.

The Free Evening at the Academy of Fine Arts has been fully reported in the April Bulletin.

The Committee on Motion Picture Censorship made a survey of Moving Picture Theatres in Philadelphia and procured information about those in Canada, Japan and Spain. Next year they will make it a practice to attend "first nights" and report.

The Americanization Committee announced the formation of a Federal Americanization Council of all agencies in Philadelphia engaged in this work. This is a great step forward and it is well that the Civic Club should lead the way.

The Ward Branches had a drive for members, and one new branch in the 48th ward has been formed. There is no limit to the interests of this valuable assistant to the Civic Club: the Safe and Sane Fourth, a School for Defectives, the White-Williams Foundation, visits for the Mothers' Assistance Fund and the Americanization Committee and a host of others claim their attention.

The Public Health Committee, under the personal guidance of Dr. Furbush, made an expedition to a number of insanitary places in Philadelphia and are co-operating with the Department of Health.

Civic Day, in February, was an achievement of which the club may well be proud. It was reported fully in the March Bulletin so details will be omitted here.

The Committee on the Civic Library has re-arranged the bookcase and added a number of valuable civic reference books. We believe this feature of club work will eventually develop into an asset due to the city.

It is told and it remains to congratulate Mrs. [Name] residing officer

ence heard the actors in the play given at Carnegie Institute on the Wednesday afternoon of the Convention, illustrated the advantage and desirability of training in elocution for anyone who may be called upon to speak in public, and seems a thing to which club women should give attention. The play referred to was "The Song of Songs," which is the "Song of Solomon," as stated on the program. It was acted in the hall of, and was given by, the Department of Drama of the Carnegie Institute of Technology. It was indeed a privilege to be given seats for this performance, which was most artistically rendered by the students of the School. The scenery and costumes had been made by them, the lighting arranged and directed by them, and the music (which was most appropriate and seemed as though written for the words) had been obtained by one of the students, a young man of twenty-one, who said he had spent many days listening to phonograph records in order to select music suitable for the words and scenes; his taste was exquisite.

The afternoon was a memorable one and those who witnessed this performance cannot but hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing these talented young persons on the so-called "real stage" in the near future for they are giving two, three or even four years of hard work in order to worthily produce legitimate drama.

Mrs. Newkirk's Views

While there was much of interest in the program of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women, and the proverbial Pittsburgh hospitality extended to the delegates and guests of the Convention made the hours from Monday October 17th to Friday October 21st pass with surprising quickness, nevertheless, I came away with the impression that an effective program might be presented in a shorter period of time. With the pressure of affairs and interests becoming ever greater, there are comparatively few busy women who can devote four or five

days to a convention made up chiefly of reports to be printed later, unless there are matters of vital or, at least, of special importance to be discussed and settled. In general, it would seem that much might be gained from careful condensation.

Among the outstanding features of the Convention were the address by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Resolution on Disarmament—which was passed unanimously even before Mrs. Rublee had an opportunity to point out the connection between Over-population and Disarmament—and the discussion of Industrial Relations by Mrs. Samuel W. Semple. In this day of unemployment and industrial unrest and uncertainty, this discussion seemed of first importance. Mrs. Semple made it quite clear that ours is a working world and that we all really live and move and have our being in work; hence, the importance of industrial relations.

The keynote of the discussion left us hopeful that we may yet see the dawn of world peace, ushered in by industrial co-operation.

Did You Burn up Last Night?

If not, it is a wonder that you did not. Most likely you went to bed with hot ashes in a wooden box in your cellar; with a kerosene can near the stove; and a bottle of combustible cleansing fluid near the furnace, because a recent magazine writer told you that the cellar was the proper place for cleansing your garments. Probably also after lighting the gas you threw the match somewhere; perhaps it went into the scrap basket filled with paper. You are protesting loudly that you are a Civic Club member and that you know better; but there are 900 of you, and how many women are there in Philadelphia and how many men who are not our members?

It is fitting that October 9th, the anni-

versary of the Chicago fire of 1871, should be set aside for Fire Prevention Day. It will not be long before this will be universally observed in the United States, as Mayors, Governors, and even the President himself, are beginning to issue proclamations on the subject. It is high time they should.

Civic Club members have for some time been awake to the peril of Philadelphia from fire. Our city's record on the fire line is a fine one from the numerical standpoint; it is about 5000 fires annually, costing the community \$8,000,000. Of these 90% were preventable.

How many fires can our members prevent by teaching the lesson of carefulness instead of carelessness with matches; of having chimneys cleaned regularly; of using metal cans for hot ashes; of not using combustible cleansing fluids, especially indoors.

The Chamber of Commerce is doing valuable educational work through its Fire Prevention and Insurance Committee. It is trying to have systematic instruction on Fire Prevention introduced into the schools through the use of the manual "Safeguarding the Home Against Fire." We suggest also that the National Board of Underwriters' film, "The Danger That Never Sleeps," should be used in the schools. Sixty dollars will buy the film, the description of which leads us to believe that it is admirably suited to children and very charming.

This same Committee advocates more systematic and thorough yearly inspection of dwelling houses with penalties for negligence; more general use of fire extinguishers in homes, schools and apartment houses; and a number of other, not only valuable but absolutely essential, suggestions.

All of these, however, require the force of public opinion behind them before they can be accomplished. It is the duty of Civic Club members to learn what our city needs in order to eliminate the terrible danger in which the inhabitants daily find themselves; and to become not fire-brands but carefully instructed torch-bearers leading the way.

The Children's Concerts

This series of three concerts, to be given in December, January and February, is a splendid opportunity for Philadelphia; and the Committee for the Concerts feels sure that everyone interested in the future development of the musical life of the city and, therefore, in its children will appreciate what it means.

The Committee asks the co-operation of everyone, and suggests that a practical way to ensure the success of the concerts and benefit the most children would be for each organization interested to buy a block of seats and send them to Miss Marion Kohn, Neighborhood Centre, Fifth and Bainbridge Streets, for distribution among the children at the Settlements who would not otherwise be able to go.

MARGARET PACKARD,
(MRS. FRANCIS R. PACKARD.)

*Civic Club Delegate to the
General Committee.*

One Call, One Heart, One Answer

WELFARE FEDERATION

Remember November 14th to 18th, 1921!

The Welfare Federation of Philadelphia, long-sought and eagerly awaited, is now a going concern—not only going, but thriving and driving, with the determined purpose of one hundred and twenty-five welfare agencies and thousands of public-spirited citizens behind it. In the Week of November 14th to 18th, its summons to civic service will be heard in every highway and byway of the metropolitan district of Philadelphia.

To members of the Civic Club, whose stirring motto, "For a Higher Public Spirit and a Better Social Order," expresses the whole spirit of the Federation's aim and program, the call comes with special force and it will be answered with emphatic conviction.

No civic obligation is more direct and compelling, and none brings greater satisfaction, than to help the sick, the poor, the blind, the crippled, the aged, the homeless and helpless, and the neglected child. The Federation will enable us to dis-

safeguard against hasty or inconsiderate action.

He called attention to the fact that because the British constitution is unwritten and rests only on recognized precedents, Parliament may alter it at any time merely by a resolution but that the Constitution of the United States cannot be changed except by an act of Congress which has received subsequent ratification by three-fourths of the States. All of the state constitutions are modeled on that of the nation, and like it are designed to protect the rights of the individual. One of his striking statements was that the supreme contribution of America to the science of government is the guaranty of individual liberty through constitutional limitations.

In closing, he made an eloquent plea to the women in the audience to be loyal to the memory of the fathers of the Republic and faithful to the Constitution; and in that connection he suggested that the women of Philadelphia proceed to raise a fund of \$100,000 for the erection on the Parkway of a worthy memorial to that masterful product of statecraft, the Constitution of the United States. There, such a memorial would stand for all time, serving as a perpetual reminder of the magnitude of the work that was accomplished and as an unfailing source of inspiration to coming generations.

GERTRUDE B. BIDDLE.

Garden Days

The School of Horticulture for Women announces the detailed programme for its Saturday afternoons. Admission to these lovely gardens is fifty cents per person. Proceeds for the benefit of the school.

Saturdays:

May 7—Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. George Woodward, St. Martins',
McCallum Street.

Mrs. Frederick W. T...
Avenue, opposite

Mrs. F. Corl...
Montgomery Lin
Aven

May 14—
Mrs.

Mrs. A. G. B. Steel, Chestnut Hill, 9220
Germantown Avenue.

Mrs. J. Waln Vaux, Penllyn, Penllyn Pike
and Gypsy Lane.

Mrs. George W. Norris, Penllyn, Gypsy
Lane.

May 21—Haverford.

Mrs. Horatio G. Lloyd, Haverford, College
Avenue So. left turn at Coopertown
Road.

Mrs. Clarence Warden, Haverford.

May 28—Bala, Wynnewood, Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. David E. Williams, Bala, St. Asaph
Road.

Mrs. Gideon Boericke, Wynnewood, Lan-
caster Pike above Remington Road.

Miss Anne Thomson, Bryn Mawr, Morris
Avenue.

June 4—Elkins Park.

Mrs. George W. Elkins Jr., Elkins Park,
Ashbourne Road west of York Road.

Mrs. William L. Elkins, Elkins Park, Ash-
bourne Road west of York Road.

Mrs. John Gribbel, Wyncote, Church Road
east of Power House.

Mrs. Isaac T. Starr, Laverock, Willow
Grove Avenue west of Church Road.

June 11—Villa Nova to Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. H. H. Ellison, Rosemont, Montgomery
Avenue.

Mrs. Sabin W. Colton, Bryn Mawr, Morris
Ave. to Lafayette and State Road.

Mrs. Samuel T. Bodine, Villa Nova, Spring
Mill Road near Montgomery Avenue.

Mrs. Morris L. Clothier, Villa Nova, County
Line Road near Montgomery Avenue.

Mrs. J. B. Townsend, Radnor, County Line
and Mattson Ford Road.

June 18—Wayne, Rosemont.

Mr. J. Franklin McFadden, Rosemont or
Villa Nova, Lancaster Pike to Ithan
Avenue; turn right to whitewash
fence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Le Boutillier, W
Wayne Avenue north of railroad.

The Y. W. C. A.

Do you know that the Y. W. C. A. of
Philadelphia operates ten centers
that they are located at 1800
1222 Locust St.; 117 S. 19th
16th St.; 134 S. 3rd St.;
St.; 512 Irving St.;
174 W. Allegheny
Ave.; the
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